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REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 9-20 and 32-36 were allowed in the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, while Claims 25-28 and Claim 31 were deemed allowable but were objected to as being dependant on a rejected claim (independent Claim 21). Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-8, 21-24, 29 and 30 have been canceled herein without prejudice to the filing of concurrent and/or future continuations and/or divisionals. Additionally, Claims 25 and 31 were amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims

Claims 9-20 and 32-36 are allowed, while Claims 25-28 and Claim 31 are objected to as being dependant on a rejected claim (independent Claim 21). Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because the phrase "the articulated robot arm" lacks antecedent basis. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Jeon (U.S. Patent No. 5,521,829) while the remaining claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over a combination of various references.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-8, 21-24, 29 and 30 have been canceled herein without prejudice to the filing of concurrent and/or future continuations and/or divisionals. The rejections to these claims are therefore moot. With respect to Claims 25-28 and Claim 31, the Examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that per the Examiner's request, Claim 25 has been amended to including all the limitations of Claims 21-24. Claims 26-28 remain in original form while Claim 31 has been amended – Claims 26-28 and Claim 31 are now dependent on amended Claim 25.

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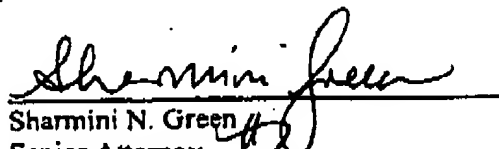
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claims 9-20, 25-28 and 31-36 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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